Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) The disease is to some extent prevalent in towns especially in the crowded parts of Mattancheri and Trichur.

(b) No.

(c) No statistics are available, as such patients are not generally treated in State Hospitals.

Certificates for commodities.

107. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government aware that investing Panchayats with the power of awarding certificates for commodities, exported from their respective jurisdictions, will add to the convenience of the public, with special preference to Chennamangalam where people are put to unnecessary troubles and expense in going over to Cranganur for the certificates?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Government do not think much inconvenience is felt by the public by reason of Panchayats not being invested with any such power.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I have given here definite cases where the people are put to very great difficulties and I am told that Government do not think that much inconvenience is felt by the people.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—They are not put to trouble, because in the case of export articles, no permit at all is necessary. I do not know whether the member is referring to some other matter. In the case of export articles no permit is necessary. In the case of dutiable articles permits can be issued only on requisition. Such cases are few and far between and as such there can be no inconvenience.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Were gentlemen given a sort of certificates?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is in the case of transport only. I thought that the member did not mean that and that was the reason that the answer was given in this form.

Enquiry—Chittur Municipality.

108. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) whether the enquiry mentioned in reply to question No. 374 of 11th Meenam 1106 has been over;

(ii) if so, with what result;

(iii) whether they would now answer the said questions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(i) Yes.

(ii) The records of enquiry are before the Government and they are examining them.

(iii) The questions can be answered only after the Government have passed orders in the matter.

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